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connected to each of the plurality of game terminals. Each game terminal may include means for receiving a game choice (e.g., a selection of predetermined numbers, colors, and/or symbols) and a wager amount for a game from a player, means for displaying the result of the game, and means for transmitting game information (e.g., result of the game, the wager amount, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and/or a time) to the central controller on a per-game basis. The game terminal may further include means for receiving player identification information from the player. In addition, game terminals may or may not accept coins or bills.

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~~The central controller may include a database to store player account balances for a plurality of players, an interface to receive, from the plurality of game terminals, game information on a per-game basis, and a processor for adjusting the player account balances on a per-game basis.~~

The invention also includes a method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of game terminals connected to a central controller. Consistent with this method, player account balances may be stored for a plurality of players. Game information may be received from the plurality of game terminals every time a wager amount is received by the game terminal and a player account balance may be adjusted after each game for which a wager amount is received by the game terminals.

Both the foregoing general description and the following detailed description are exemplary and explanatory, and intended to provide further explanation of the claimed invention